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Elmwood, 20th Oct^r, 1876.

Dear Sir,

My friendship with Judge
Hoar & my respect for his character are
of too long date to be shaken by any difference
of opinion on a question of expediency, for
that (if I understood it rightly) was the point
on which we divided at Cincinnati. Mr Hoar's
action & influence there were at the time very
strangely misrepresented at home. I thought
then & think now that a tithe of the proof
that failed to convince him in Blaine's case
would have been ample for the conviction of
Butler, but I certainly liked him none the
less for being faithful to his own opinion
& to his friend.

As to speaking in the Canvass,
it is quite out of the question. I long ago
laid to heart the lesson never to attempt
what I could not do with all my might

I with the sympathy of all my faculties. I do not know what training might have done for me, but the habitude of years has made me the least fortunate man conceivable for a stump-speaker. Moreover, even were it otherwise, I am so wholly out of sympathy with the manner in which the Republican Campaign has been thus far mainly conducted & with the men who have been prominent in it, that my contribution would be at best but a bucket of cold water.

Judge Hoar & I are at opposite points of the Campaign on the Southern question. I feel therefore that I am only dealing loyally with my friendship for him in declining to encumber him with what would be but awkward help. If I thought I could make an effective speech in his behalf, I would not hesitate a moment. Had it been earlier in the Campaign, it might have been possible, but, apart from other considerations,

I am just now suffering a depression from physical causes which peculiarly limits me for any such exertion. What my wishes & hopes are I need not say, & Judge Hoar would be the last person to misunderstand them.

I remain

Very truly Yours

McBride

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